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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Paul Warnke, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Friday, 26 January 1968

1. This memorandum is for information only.

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2. I accompanied [redacted] of ONE to Mr. Warnke's office in the Pentagon arriving at 4:30. Among those present were Secretary Warnke, General McPherson, a deputy, General Steakley, and several officers from the Joint Chiefs' offices. The meeting was opened with Mr. Warnke stating the problem, which was to list for Mr. McNamara those courses of action which the U.S. could take in order to obtain the return of the "Pueblo" and its crew. This task had already been assigned to J-3 of JCS several days prior to this meeting and a "buff paper" consisting of 143 pages, legal size, detailing some 20 suggestions for possible courses of action, had already been prepared. The Secretary of Defense had advised Mr. Warnke that the document was too voluminous and that he needed some brief notes for a meeting at 1000 hrs. Saturday morning. He suggested that the list of contingencies be reduced to those which were most practical and that each course of action be limited to one page. At the foot of each page was to be noted the possible Communist reaction.

3. I have attached the original list containing most of the courses of action put forward. In addition to those noted, JRC had submitted five reconnaissance actions which might be accomplished and it was these actions to which I was asked to respond, noting possible Communist reactions in each case. Since the papers General Steakley had prepared were several pages long on legal size paper, each one had to be redone on an 8 x 10-1/2 page, at Mr. McNamara's insistence. [redacted] and I remained with the group until the basic papers were boiled down to a single page, at which time we proceeded to note briefly the probable Communist

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reactions as the papers were delivered to us. I received the JRC submissions at about 9:00 p.m. and by 10:30 p.m. we had completed our task.

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4. Though Secretary Warnke had stated that he would like to present these papers to Mr. McNamara as a joint CIA/DOD effort, [redacted] made it clear that his instructions were that we were only to act as consultants, that no such joint paper could evolve from this meeting under the circumstances. Thus when we finished our comments concerning possible Communist reactions to the various proposals submitted, it was clearly understood that the DOD panel could add, change, or delete any portion of the material we submitted. How the final papers were handed to Mr. McNamara is uncertain on my part since it was recognized that typing and completion would not be accomplished until around 7:00 a.m. Saturday.

5. Attached are Xerox copies of JRC's reconnaissance proposals, copies of the comments we submitted relative to each, and in addition a list of all of the contingencies that was presented to us on arrival at the meeting. Since none of the courses of action selected seem to me to hold any promise for accomplishing the stated task, it would be interesting to know what was presented to Mr. McNamara and what his reaction was to the briefs submitted.

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Executive Officer
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